



RESOLUTION

RENAMING THE WAIMANALO DISTRICT PARK GYM TO THE ERIC S. BUNYAN GYM.

WHEREAS, Section 22-9.3(a)(3)(A), Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990 ("ROH"), states that in exceptional cases, a new or existing park, site, or facility may be named for a deceased individual if the individual: (i) has a "significant association with the park, site, or facility"; or (ii) has "contributed significantly to the community or area in which the park, site or facility is located"; and

WHEREAS, ROH Section 22-9.5(f) authorizes the City Council ("Council") to, on its own motion, designate a name for a new or existing park, site, facility, or any portion thereof, or memorial, consistent with the requirements set forth in ROH Section 22-9.5, by adoption of an appropriate resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Waimanalo District Park Gym is an essential facility in the Waimanalo community, housing an after school program for children, the City and County of Honolulu's ("City") Summer Fun Program, and several sports and recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, Eric S. Bunyan was born in 1948 in Chicago, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, together with his wife Patty, Mr. Bunyan raised five children and was grandfather to 14 grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bunyan unfortunately lost his battle with cancer in 2019 at the age of 71; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bunyan was a prominent and beloved figure in the Waimanalo community and served as the Recreation Director at the Waimanalo District Park Gym from 1971 until his retirement in 2011; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Recreation Director at Waimanalo District Park Gym, Mr. Bunyan prioritized fee-less sports leagues in order provide greater access to sports in the Waimanalo community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bunyan would also personally assist players and coaches in need of team uniforms by seeking out donations and printing team jerseys on his own time; and



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WHEREAS, Mr. Bunyan organized transportation to and from team functions;
and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bunyan ensured that the Waimanalo District Park Gym operated smoothly by expediently placing work orders for needed repairs and refurbishments and diligently advocating for any improvements needed; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bunyan also participated in activities and workshops along with the Waimanalo community to encourage the keiki to learn and participate; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bunyan was also actively engaged as an attendee, founder, and member of many different community organizations such as: the Waimanalo Neighborhood Board, the Waimanalo Teen Project, Hui Malama O Ke Kai, the Honolulu Police Department's Police Activities League ("PAL"), Friends of Waimanalo, and Waimanalo Seniors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bunyan worked tirelessly to provide a safe, positive, and constructive environment for Waimanalo keiki, and extended that devotion and aloha to his entire community; his passing has been a great loss to the Waimanalo community; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that renaming the Waimanalo District Park Gym after Eric S. Bunyan would appropriately recognize Mr. Bunyan's deep roots in the Waimanalo community and 40 years of devoted service as Recreation Director at the Waimanalo District Park Gym; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Waimanalo District Park Gym be renamed the "Eric S. Bunyan Gym"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council requests and authorizes the City Administration to erect appropriate signage, and approves the placement of the signage at the Waimanalo District Park Gym, to be renamed the "Eric S. Bunyan Gym"; and



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No. 20-305, CD1

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Director of Parks and Recreation, and the family of Mr. Eric S. Bunyan.

INTRODUCED BY:

Alan Texeira

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

November 10, 2020
Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

CITY COUNCIL
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII
CERTIFICATE

RESOLUTION 20-305, CD1

Introduced: 11/10/20 By: ALAN KEKOA TEXEIRA Committee: ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE
AND REVITALIZATION

Title: RESOLUTION RENAMING THE WAIMANALO DISTRICT PARK GYM TO THE ERIC S. BUNYAN GYM.

Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

11/18/20	ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND REVITALIZATION	CR-306 – RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION AS AMENDED IN CD1 FORM. 4 AYES: ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI (temporary voting member), TEXEIRA 3 EXCUSED: MANAHAN, MENOR, WATERS
12/09/20	COUNCIL	CR-306 AND RESOLUTION 20-305, CD1 AS AMENDED WERE ADOPTED. 9 AYES: ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MENOR, PINE, TEXEIRA, TSUNEYOSHI, WATERS.

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.


GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK


ANN KOBAYASHI, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER